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For: ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DETACHABLY  
ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL EXPANSION FACILITY AND  
ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM

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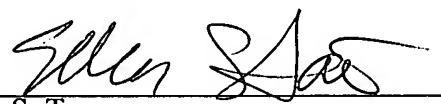
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